

Development of the ROOT system History & Perspectives

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Outline

- Comments On The Evolution of Computing
- Challenges Ahead And ROOT's Take on Them
- History of ROOT I/O

Fantastic Evolution of Computing

• Processors: x2000

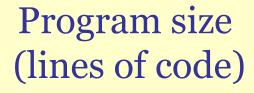
• Memory: x1000

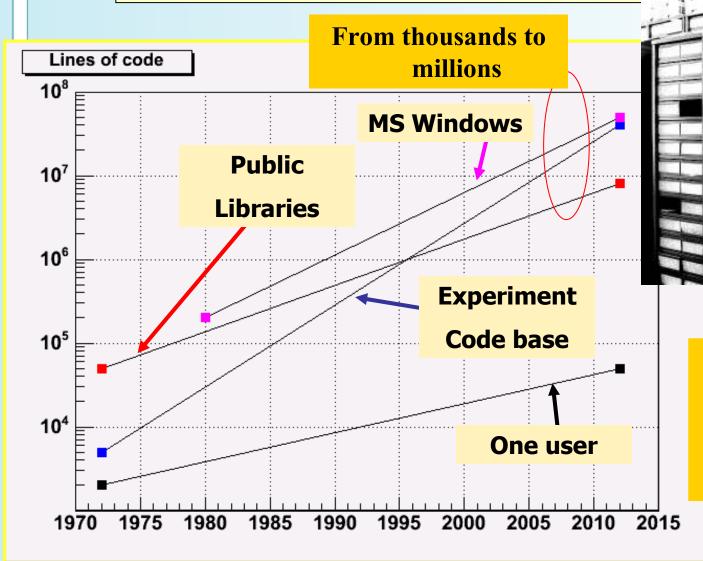
• Storage: x5000

• Networks : x100000

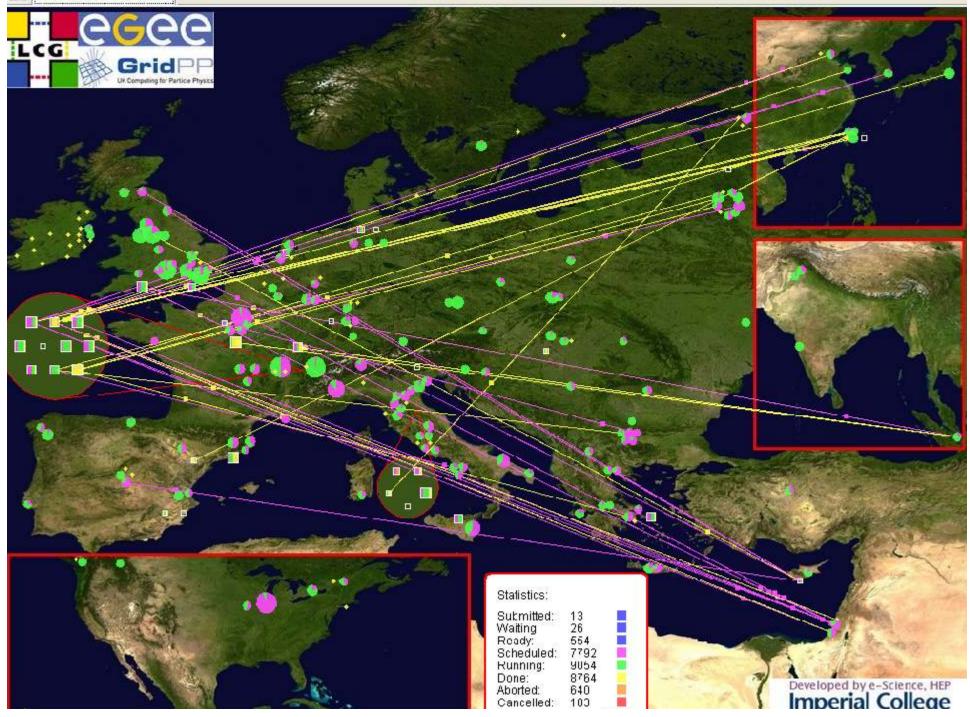
In 30 years only





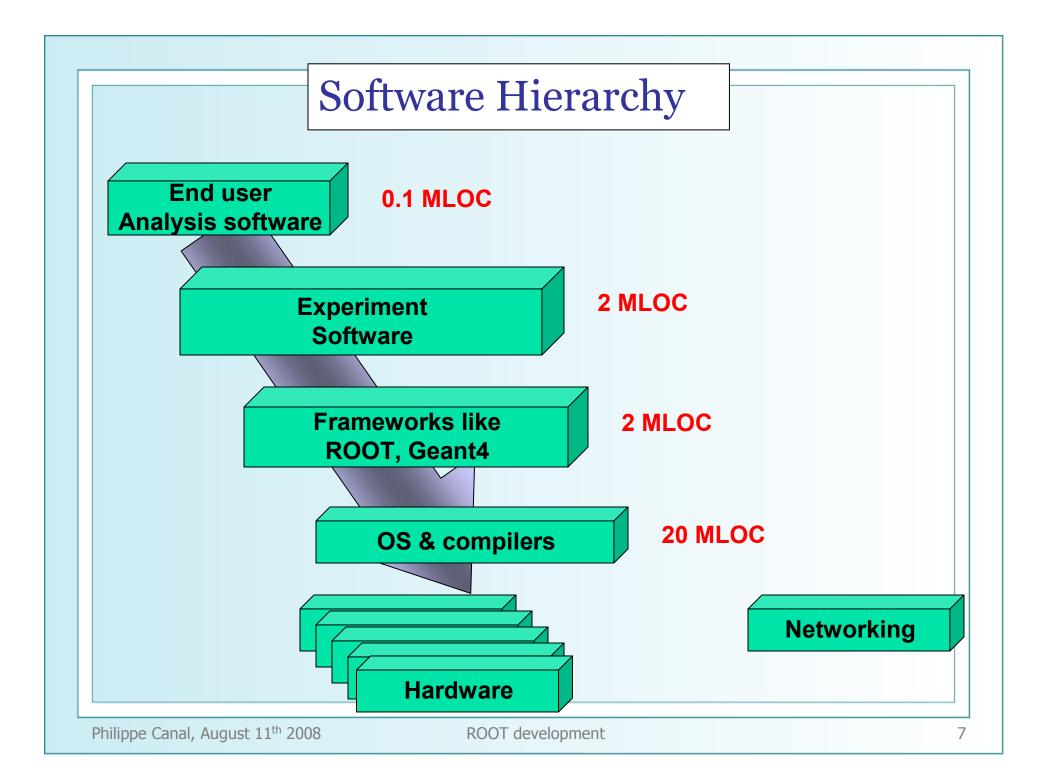


2000 cards
per box
24 boxes per rack
ROOT = 100 racks

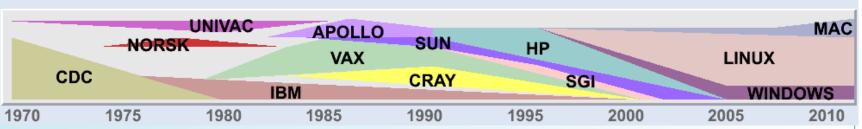


The main general software packages

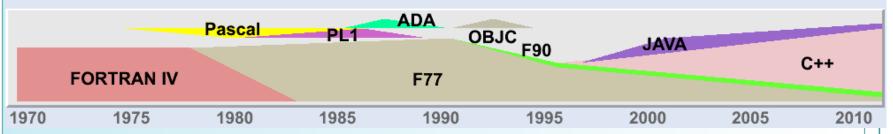
- 1965: each physicist writes his/her own analysis program
- 1975: First tools:
 - Histograms/statistics(HBOOK), Visualisation (GD3),
 - Minimisation(Minuit), Simulation (GEANT1,2).
- · 1985:
 - Super Minis (VAX) and workstations (Apollo, VAX,IBM).
 - A big step for detector simulation (GEANT3),
 - A big step for interactive analysis (PAW).
- 1995:
 - PAW, GEANT3 stables
 - Investigation of Object-Oriented systems
 - Failure of commercial products (Objectivity, Iris Explorer,..)
 - The challenger ROOT
- 2005: ROOT, GEANT4



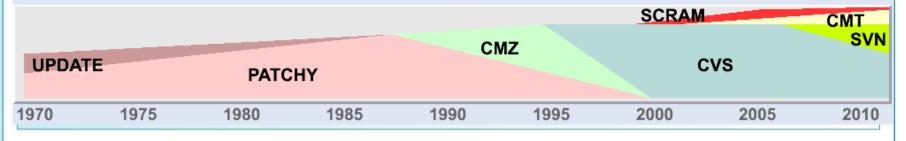


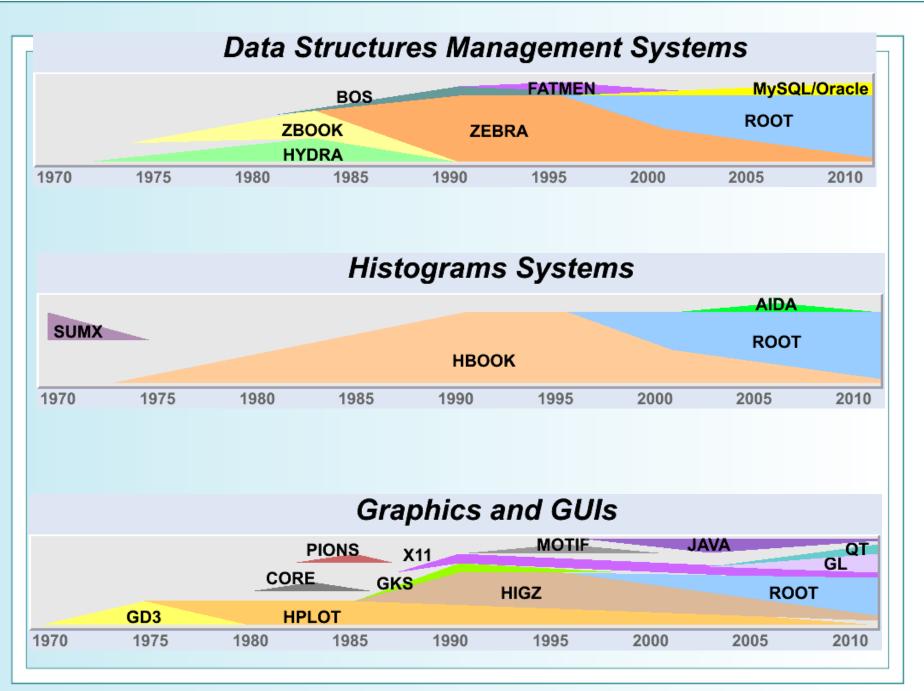


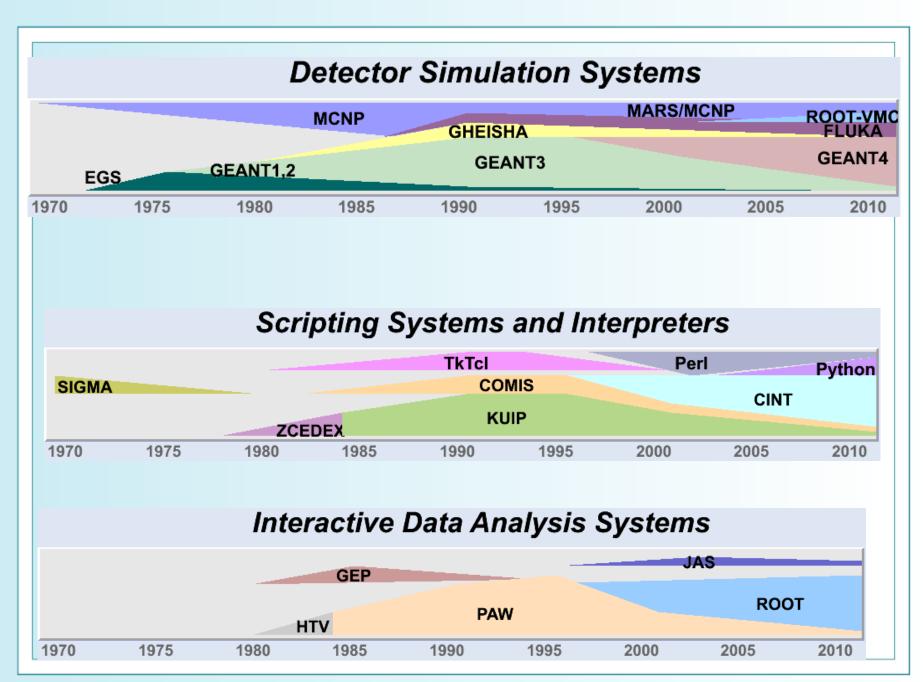
Languages and Compilers



Code Management Systems







The crystal ball in 1988

- Fortran90 seems the obvious way to go
- OSI protocols to replace TCP/IP
- Processors: Vector or MPP machines
- PAW, Geant3, Bos, Zebra: Adapt them to F90X
- Methodoly trend: Entity Relationship Model
- Parallelism: vectorization or MPP (SIMD and MIMD)
- BUT hard to anticipate that
 - The WEB will come less than 3 years later
 - The 1993/1994 revolution for languages and projects
 - The rapid grow in CPU power starting in 1994 (Pentium)

Situation in 1998

- LHC projects moving to C++
- Several projects proposing to use Java
- Huge effort with OODBMS (ie Objectivity)
- Investigate Commercial tools for data analysis
- ROOT development not encouraged
- Vast majority of users very sceptic.
- RAM <256 MB
- Program Size < 32 MB
- <500 KLOcs
- libs < 10
- static linking
- HSM: tape->Disk pool <1 TByte
- Network 2MB/s

The crystal ball in 1998

- C++ now, Java in 2000
- Future is OODBMS (ie Objectivity)
- Central Event store accessed through the net
- Commercial tools for data analysis
- But fortunately a few people did not believe in this direction:
- First signs of problems with Babar
- FNAL RUN2 votes for ROOT in 1998
- GRID: an unknown word in 1997: ©

Situation in 2008

- It took far more time than expected to move people to C++ and the new frameworks.
- ROOT de facto standard for I/O and interactive analysis.
- The GRID:
- Experiment frameworks are monsters

The challenges

- Simplify the use of software systems
- Granularity
- Hope to see self-descriptive languages
- Interpreters + compilers
- Importance of caches on LAN and WAN
- « Task » oriented programming
- GUI with dynamic configuration
- Everything from the browser?
- Graphics based on GL: Post X11 et QT
- Execute anywhere from anywhere
- Evolution of the execution (main --> plug-ins)
- Hardware force parallelism
- Extension of client-server models
- Data analysis
- -from batch to interactive systems
- -from sequential processing to parallelism

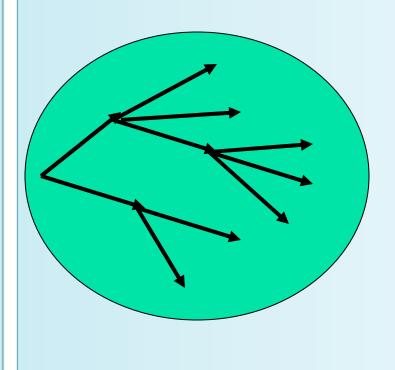
Challenge <u>Usability: Making things SIMPLER</u>

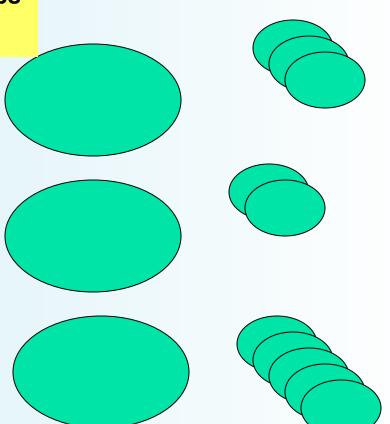
- Guru view vs user view
- A normal user has to learn too many things before being able to do something useful.
- LHC frameworks becoming monsters
- fighting to work on 64 bits with <2 GBytes
- Executable take for ever to start because too much code linked (shared libs with too many dependencies)
- fat classes vs too many classes
- It takes time to restructure large systems to take advantage of plug-in managers.

Challenge ++ Problem decomposition

Will have to deal with many shared libs

Only a small fraction of code used





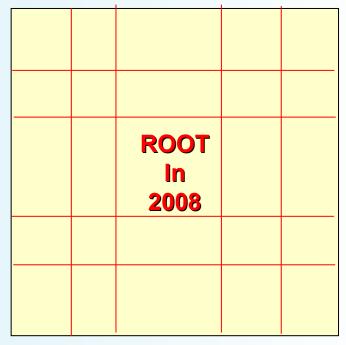
Some Facts

10 shared libs 200 classes

ROOT In 1995

PAW model

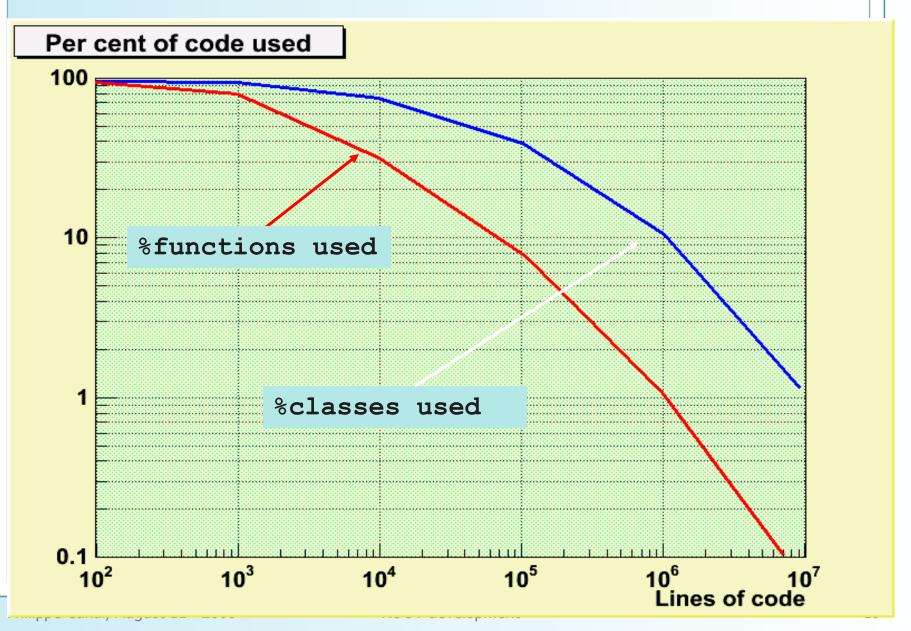
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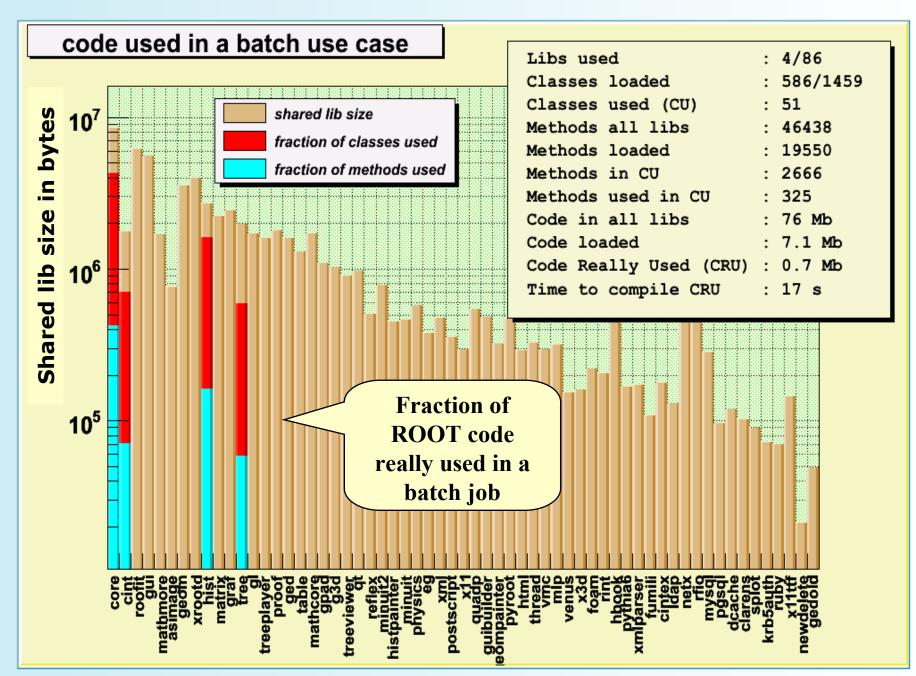


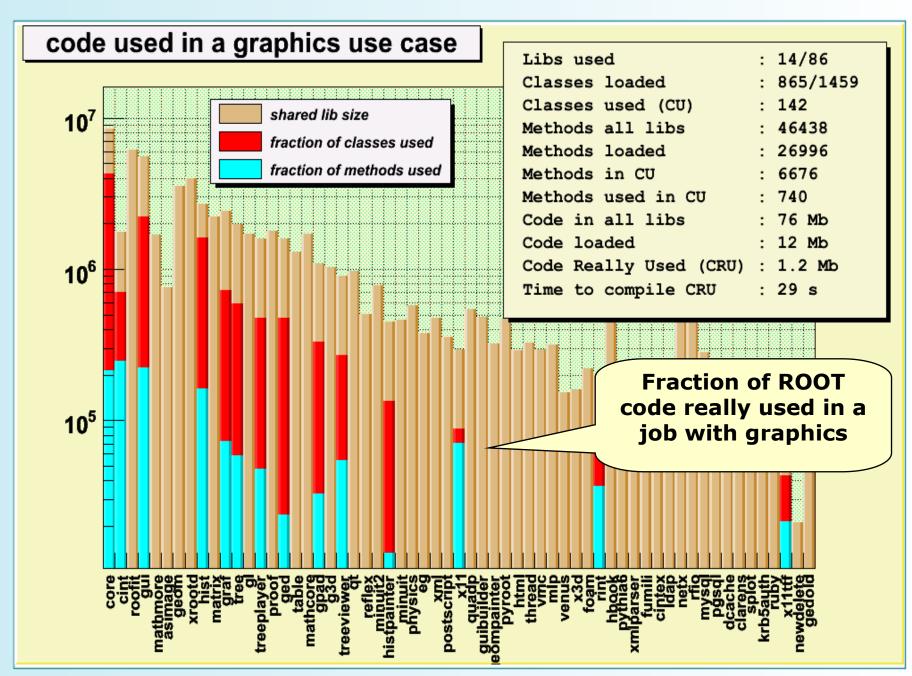
Plug-in manager

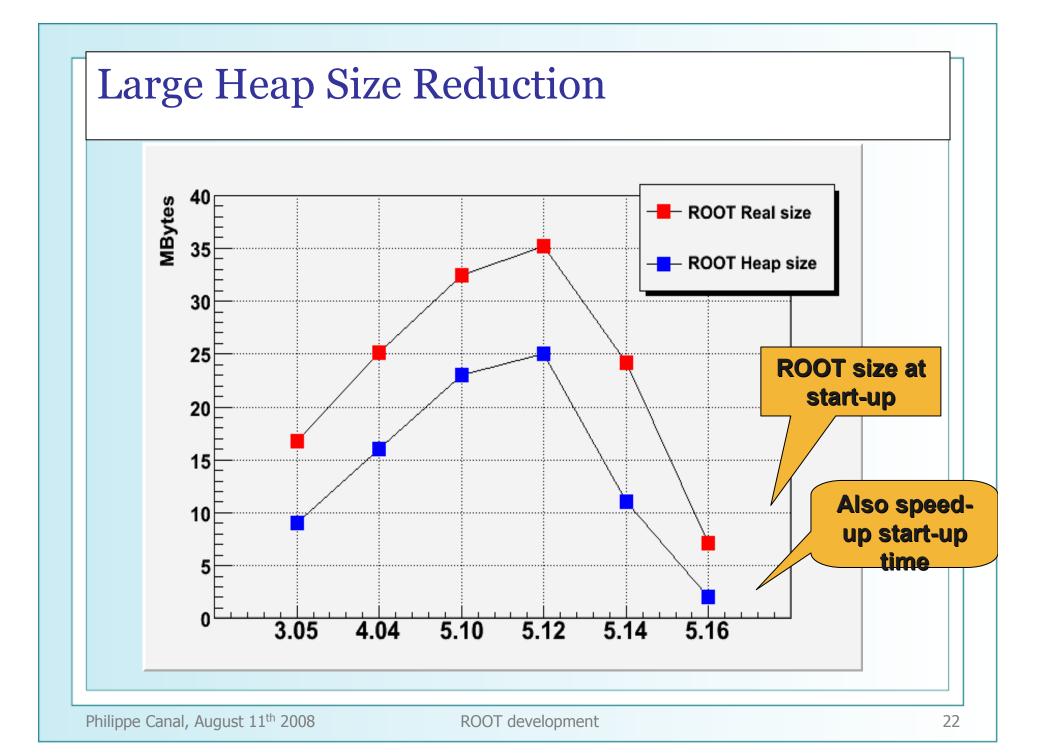
Fraction of code really used in one program





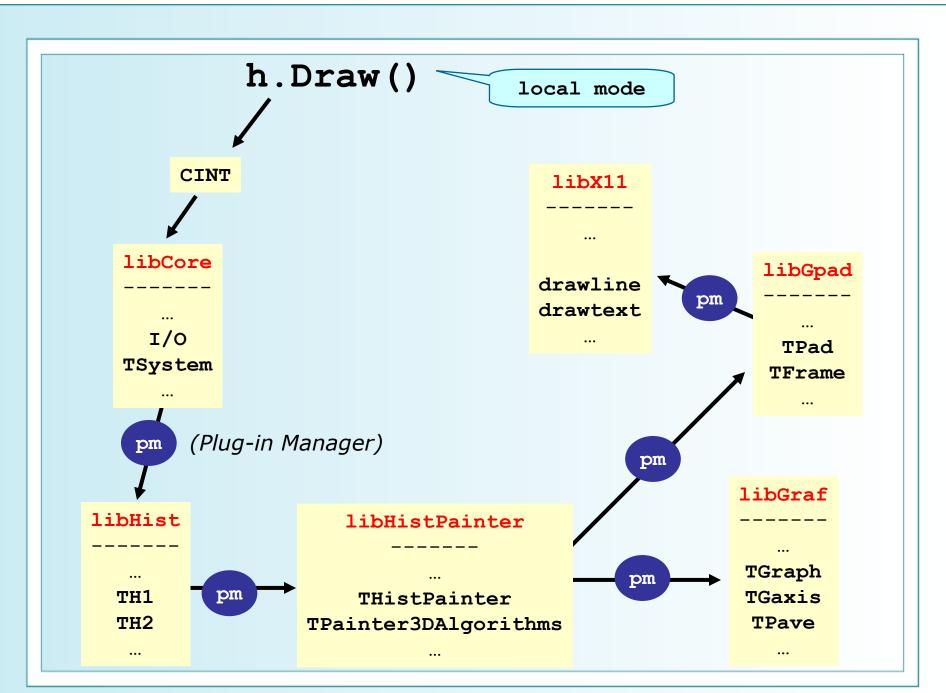






Challenge ++ Sophisticated Plug-in Managers

- When using a large software base distributed with hundred of shared libs, it is essential to discover automatically where to find a class.
- The interpreters must be able to auto-load the corresponding libraries



Challenge ++ <u>Languages</u>

- C++ clear winner in our field and also other fields
- see, eg a recent compilation at http://www.lextrait.com/vincent/implementations.html
- From simple C++ to complex templated code
- Unlike Java, no reflexion system. This is essential for I/O and interpreters.
- C++2009: better thread support, Aspect-oriented
- C++2014: first reflexion system?

Challenge ++ Opportunistic Use of Interpreters

- Use interpreted code only for:
 - External and thin layer (task organizer)
 - Slots execution in GUI signal/slots
 - Dynamic GUI builder in programs like event displays.
- Instead optimize the compiler/linker interface (eg ACLiC) to have
 - Very fast compilation/linking when performance is not an issue
 - Slower compilation but faster execution for the key algorithms
- ie use ONE single language for 99% of your code and the interpreter of your choice for the layer between shell programming and program orchestration.

Interpreter & Compiler integration

execute file script.C

```
root > .x script.C
```

root > DoSomething(...);

root > .x script.C++

root > .x script.C+

execute function **DoSomething**

compile file script.C and execute it

compile file script.C if file has been modified. execute it

```
gROOT->ProcessLine(".L script.C+");
```

gROOT->ProcessLine("DoSomething(...)");

same from compiled or interpreted code

Challenge ++ <u>The Language Reflexion System</u>

- Develop a robust dictionary system that can be migrated smoothly to the reflexion system to be introduced in C++ in a few years.
- Meanwhile reduce the size of dictionaries by doing more things at run time.
- Replace generated code by objects stored in ROOT files.
- Direct calls to compiled code from the interpreter instead of function stubs. This is compiler dependent (mangling/de-mangling symbols).

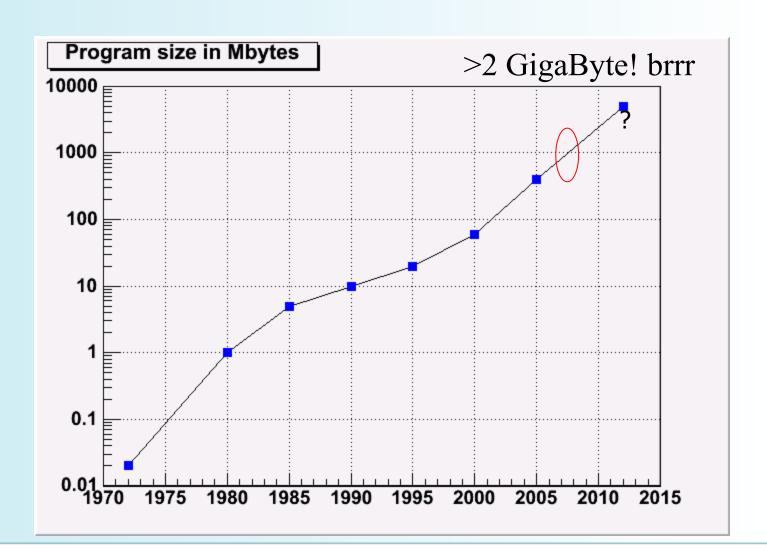
Challenge ++ Code Performance

- HEP code does not exploit hardware (see S.Jarp talk at CHEPo7)
- Large data structures spread over >100 Megabytes
- templated code pitfall
 - STL code duplication
 - good perf improvement when testing with a toy.
 - disaster when running real programs.
- std::string passed by value
- abuse of new/delete for small objects or stack objects
- linear searches vs hash tables or binary search
- abuse of inheritance hierarchy
- code with no vectors -> do not use the pipeline

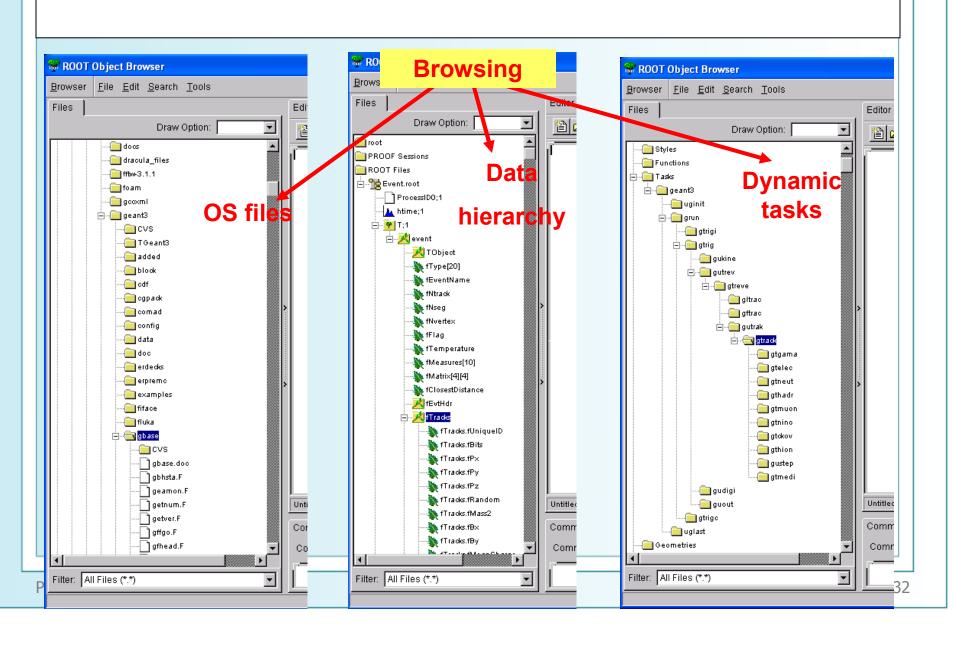
Challenge ++ <u>Software Correctness</u>

- big concern with multi million lines of code
- validation suite
- unit test
- combinatorial test
- nightly builds (code + validation suite)





Challenge ++ <u>Towards Task-oriented programming</u>

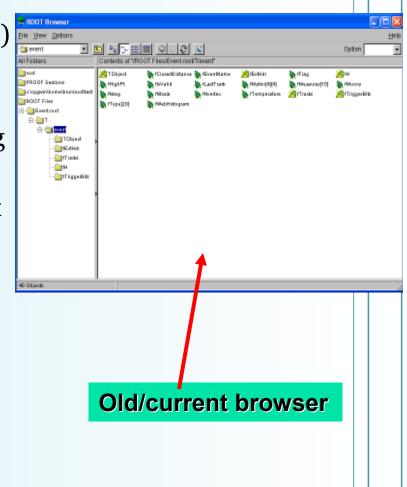


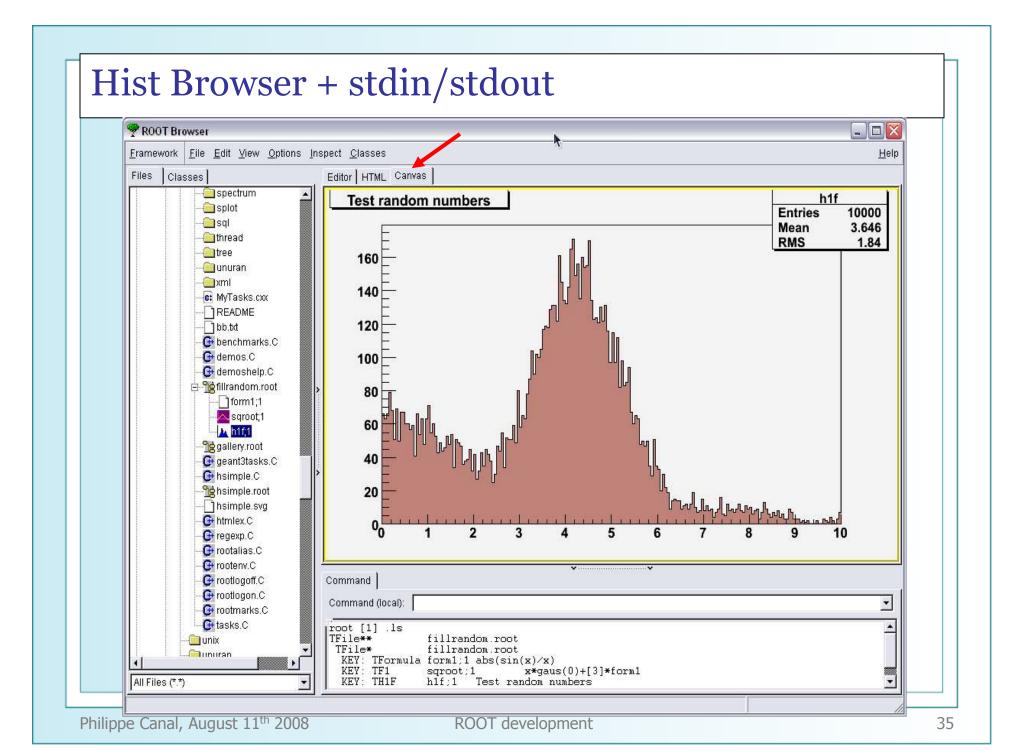
Challenge ++ Customizable and Dynamic GUIs

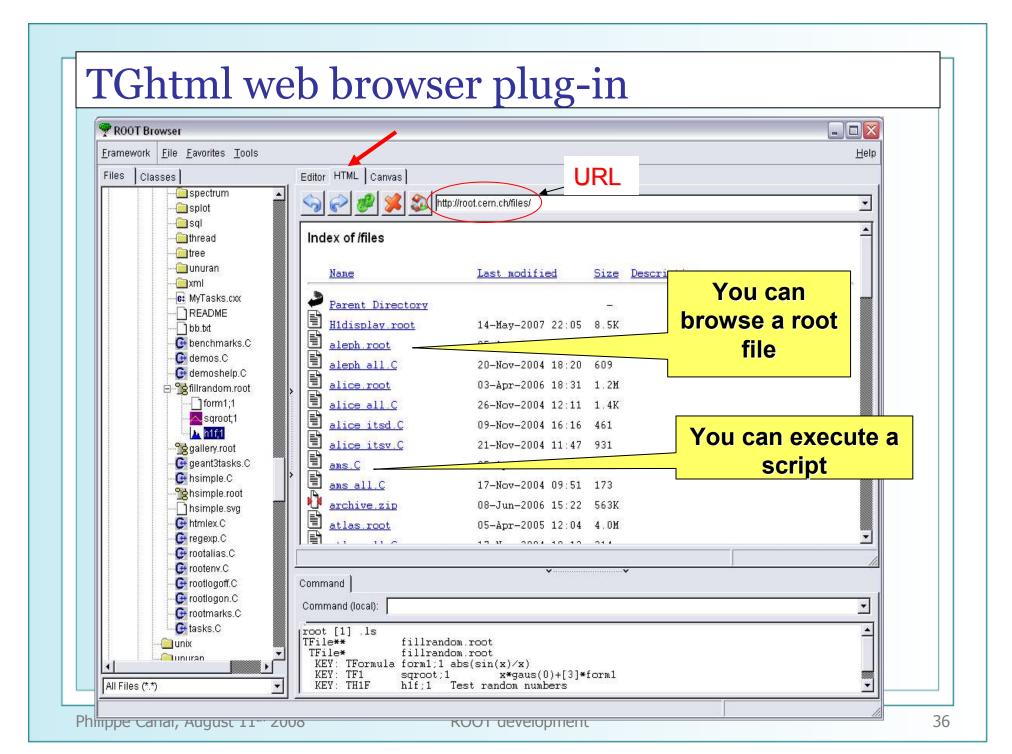
- From a standard browser (eg ROOT TBrowser) on must be able to include user-defined GUIs.
- The GUIs should not require any pre-processor.
- They can be executed/loaded/modified in the same session.

Browser Improvements

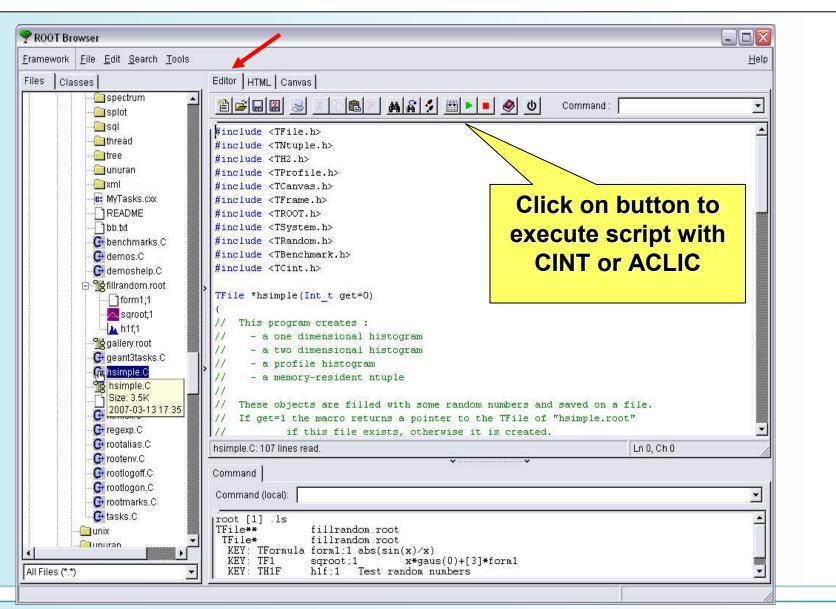
- The browser (TBrowser and derivatives) is an essential component (from beginners to advanced applications).
- It is currently restricted to the browsing of ROOT files or Trees.
- We are extending TBrowser such that it could be the central interface and the manager for any GUI application (editors, web browsers, event displays, etc).

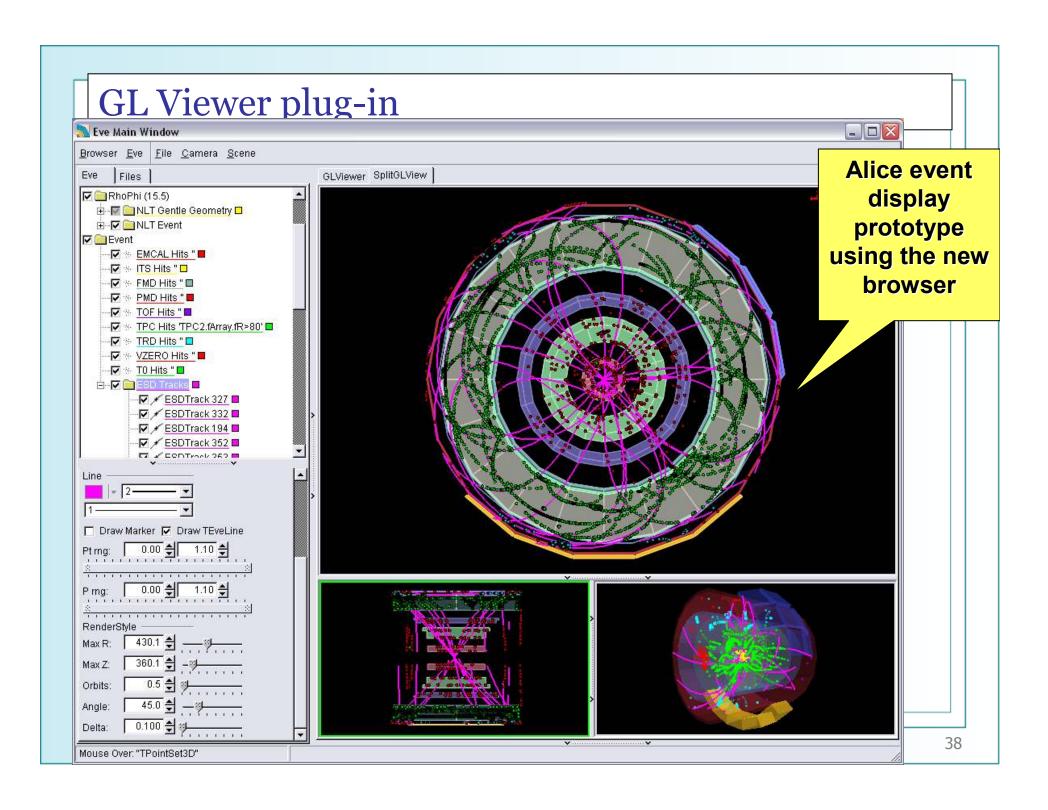






Macro Manager/Editor plug-in

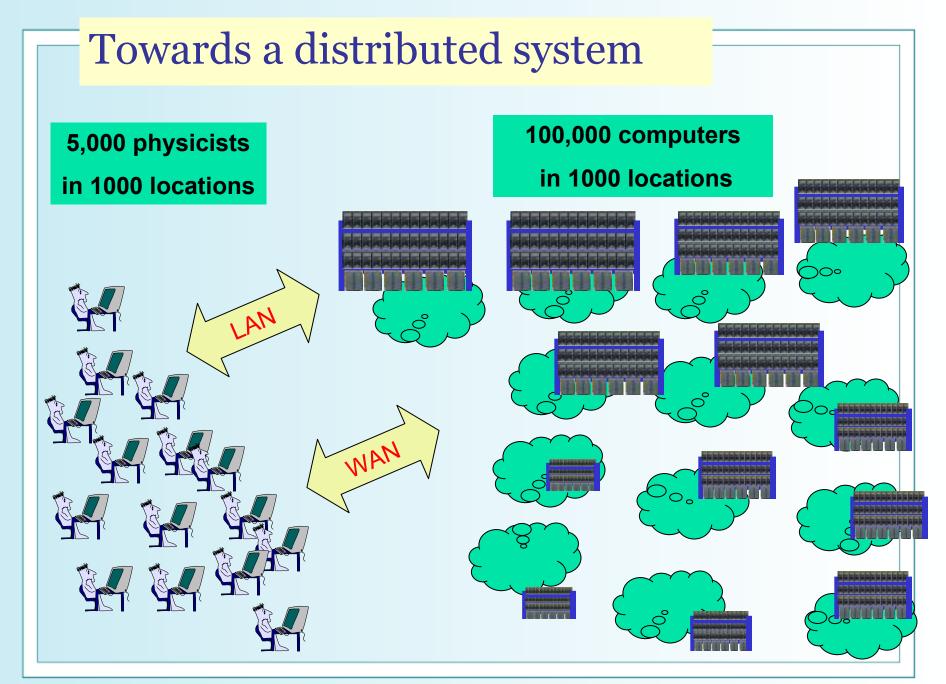




Challenge ++ Design for Parallelism

- The GRID is a parallel engine. However it is unlikely that you will use the GRID software on your 32-core laptop.
- Restrict use of global variables and make tasks as independent as possible.
- Be thread-safe and (better) thread-aware
- Think Top->Down and Bottom->Up





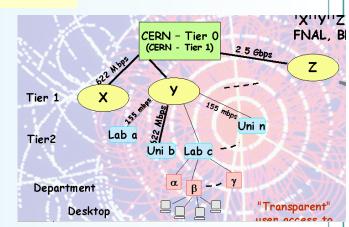
LHC collaborations (analysis steps)

Raw Data (PetaBytes)

DAQ -> T0 -> T1

After reconstruction (100 TeraBytes)

T1 -> T2



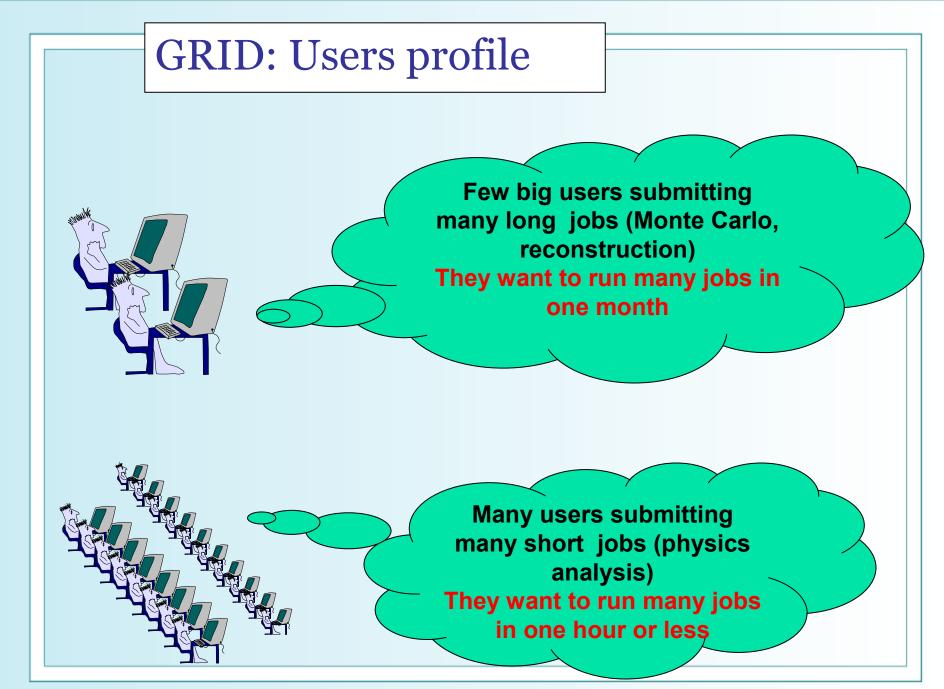
for analysis (10 TeraBytes)

T2 -> T3



Analysis per physicist (1 TeraByte)

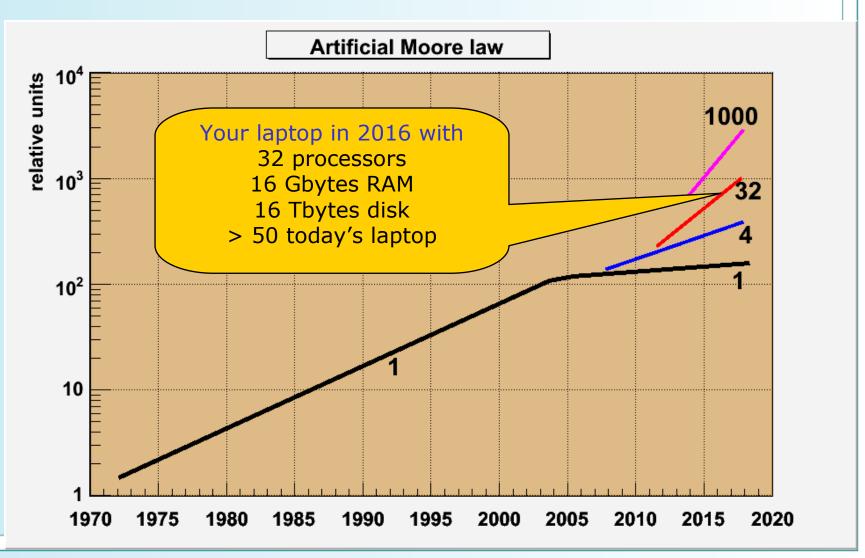




Many Use Cases

- Scenario 1: submit one batch job to the GRID. It runs somewhere with varying response times.
- Scenario 2: Use a splitter to submit many batch jobs to process many data sets (eg CRAB, Ganga, Alien). Output data sets are merged automatically. Success rate < 90%. You see the final results only when the last job has been received and all results merged.
- Scenario 3: Use PROOF (automatic splitter and merger). Success rate close to 100%. You can see intermediate feedback objects like histograms. You run from an interactive ROOT session.





Challenge ++ <u>Hardware will force parallelism</u>

- Multi-Core (2-8)
- Many-Core (32-256)
- Mixture CPU + GPU-like (or FAT and MINI cores)
- Virtualization
- May be a new technology?
- Parallelism: a must

Challenge ++ Design for Client-Server

- The majority of today's applications are client-server (xrootd, Dcache, sql, etc).
- This trend will increase.
- Be able to stream objects or objects collections.
- Server logic robust against client changes.
- Server able to execute dynamic plug-ins.
- Must be robust against client or network crash

Challenge ++ LAN and WAN I/O caches

- Must be able to work very efficiently across fat pipes but with high latencies.
- Must be able to cache portions or full files on a local cache.
- This requires changes in data servers (Castor, Dcache, xrootd). These tools will have to **interoperate**.
- The ROOT file info must be given to these systems for optimum performance. See TTreeCache improvements.

Disk cache improvements with high latency networks

- The file is on a CERN machine connected to the CERN LAN at at 100MB/s.
- The client **A** is on the same machine as the file (local read)
- The client **F** is connected via ADSL with a bandwith of 8Mbits/s and a latency of 70 milliseconds (Mac Intel Coreduo 2Ghz).

• The client **G** is connected via a 10Gbits/s to a CERN machine via Caltech latency 240 ms.

• The times reported in the table are realtime seconds

One query to a 280 MB Tree I/O = 16.6 MB

client	t latency(m	s) cachesize=0	cachesize=64KF	3 cachesize=10MB
A	0.0	3.4	3.4	3.4
F	72.0	743.7	48.3	28.0
G	240.0	>1800s	125.4s	9.9s

We expect to reach 4.5 s

Challenge ++ Executing Anywhere from Anywhere

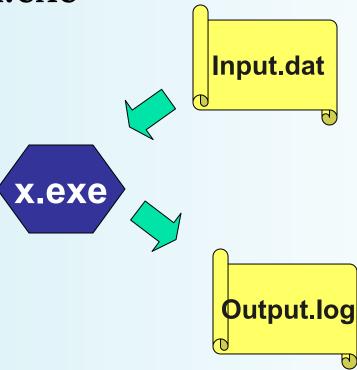
- One should be able to start an application from any web browser.
- The local UI and GUI can execute transparently on a remote process.
- The resulting objects are streamed to the local session for fast visualization. (and not via an X11 server!)
- Prototype in latest ROOT using ssh technology.

```
root > .R lxplus.cern.ch
lxplus > .x doSomething.C
lxplus > .R
root > //edit the local canvas
```

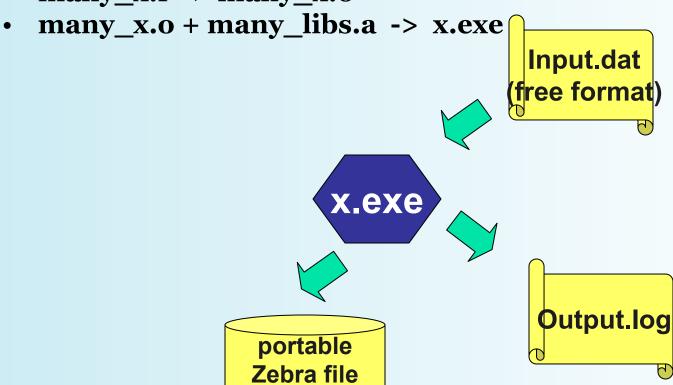
Challenge ++ Evolution of the Execution Model

- From stand alone modules
- To shared libs
- To plug-in managers
- To distributed computing
- To distributed and parallel computing

• x.f -> x.o -> x.exe



• $many_x.f \rightarrow many_x.o$



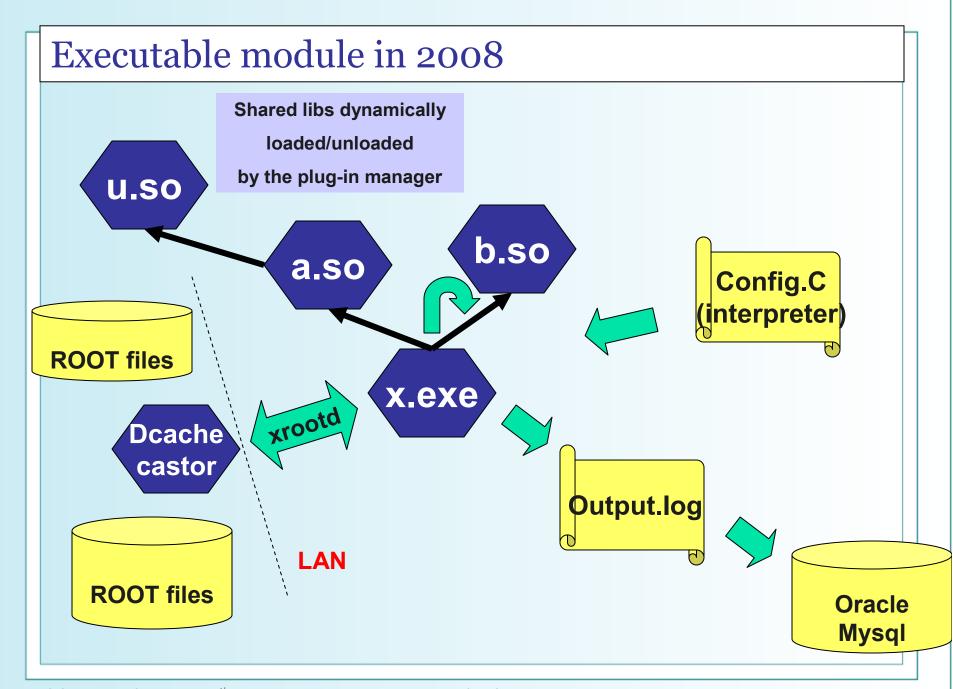
- many_x.f -> many_x.o
- many_x.o + some_libs.a
- + many_libs.so -> x.exe

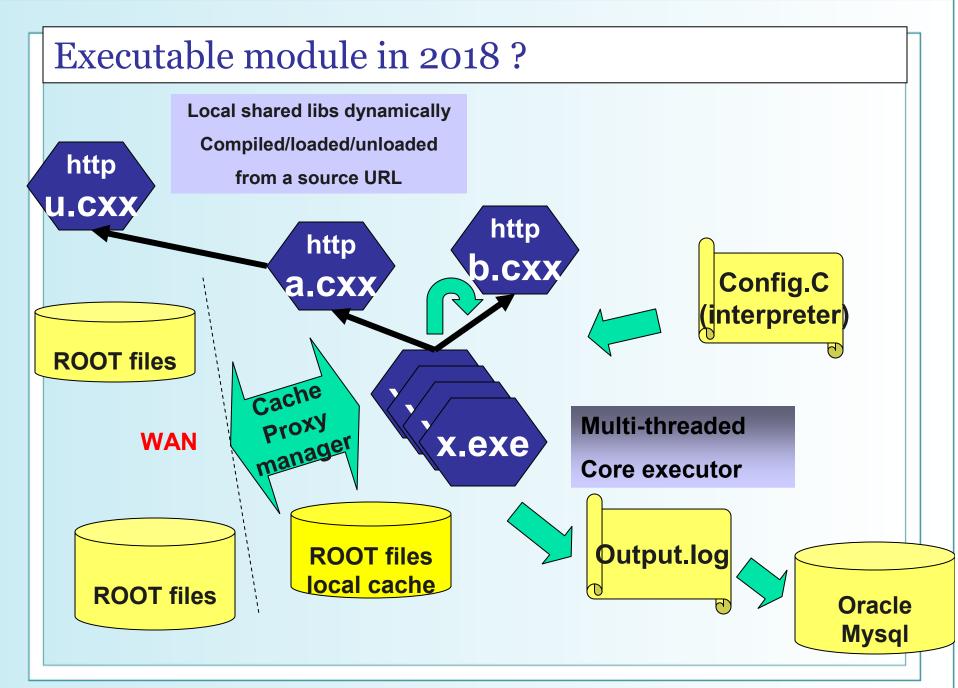
RFIO X.exe

Objectivity?
ROOT?

Input.dat

Zebra file





Challenge ++ Software Development Tools

- better integration with Xcode, VisualStudio or like
- fast memory checkers
- faster valgrind
- faster profilers
- Better tools to debug parallel applications
- Code checkers and smell detection
- Better html page generators

Challenge ++ <u>Distributed Code Management</u>

- patchy, cmz -> cvs
- cvs -> svn
- cmt? scram? (managing dependencies)
- automatic project creation from cvs/svn to VisualStudio or Xcode and vice-versa

Challenge ++ Simplification of Software Distribution

- tar files
- source + make
- install from http://source
- install from http://binary proxy
- install on demand via plugin manager, autoloader
- automatic updates
- time to install
- fraction of code used

See BOOT
Project
First release
In 2008?

Conclusions

- Applications becoming more and more complex and distributed over the net, it is essential to:
 - Minimize interdepencies by providing a clean hierarchy of modular systems with robust components underneath.
 - Use as much as possible dynamic object managers (collections in files, browsers, tasks, folders, etc)
- The new hardware is pushing us to consider both fine grain and coarse grain parallelism
- More complexity must push us for:
 - Simpler and simpler user interfaces
 - Simpler software installation from sources on the web...



History of ROOT I/O

Streaming, Reflection, TFile, Schema Evolution

ROOT I/O History











- Version 0.9
 - Hand-written Streamers
- Version 1
 - Streamers generated via rootcint
 - Support for Class Versions
- Version 2.25
 - Support for ByteCount
 - Several attempts to introduce automatic class evolution
 - Simple support for STL
 - Only hand coded and generated streamer function, Schema evolution done by hand
 - I/O requires : ClassDef, ClassImp and CINT Dictionary
- Version 2.26 3.00
 - Automatic schema evolution
 - Use TStreamerInfo (with info from dictionary) to drive a general I/O routine.
 - Self describing files
 - **MakeProject** can regenerate the file's classes layout

ROOT I/O History



- Version 3.03/05
 - Lift need for ClassDef and ClassImp for classes not inheriting from TObject
 - Any non TObject class can be saved inside a TTree or as part of a TObject-class
 - TRef/TRefArray



- Version 4.00/08
 - Automatic versioning of 'Foreign' classes
 - Non TObject classes can be saved directly in TDirectory
- Version 4.04/02
 - Large TTrees, TRef autoload
 - TTree interface improvements, **Double32** enhancements



- Version 5.08/00
 - Fast TTree merging, Indexing of TChains, Complete STL support.



- Version 5.12/00
 - Prefetching, TTreeCache
 - TRef autoderefencing



- Version 5.16/00
 - Improved modularization (libRio)
- Version 5.22/00
 - Data Model Evolution (brought to your courtesy of BNL/STAR/ATLAS)

Early Days

- The fundamental elements of I/O are present:
 - platform independence
 - compression
 - TFile/TDirectory layout and structure
 - TTree
- *Dictionaries* are already the corner-stone of the I/O
 - Allow streaming of user class with minimal intrusion and no complex ddl system.
- rootcint generated default C++ Streamer function
- Any schema evolution required to maintain the streamer functions by hand

Streamers in 0.90/08



```
void TAxis::Streamer(TBuffer &b)
   if (b.IsReading()) {
      Version t v = b.ReadVersion();
      TNamed::Streamer(b);
      TAttAxis::Streamer(b);
      b >> fNbins;
      b >> fXmin;
      b >> fXmax;
      fXbins.Streamer(b);
   } else {
      b.WriteVersion(TAxis::IsA());
      TNamed::Streamer(b);
      TAttAxis::Streamer(b);
      b << fNbins;
      b << fXmin;
      b << fXmax;
      fXbins.Streamer(b);
```

Streamers in 2.25 – Byte Count

```
class TAxis : public TNamed,
public TAttAxis {
private:
  Int t
               fNbins;
  Axis t
              fXmin;
  Axis t
              fXmax;
  TArrayF
              fXbins;
  Char t
              *fXlabels;
  Int t
              fFirst;
  Int t
              fLast;
            fTimeFormat;
  TString
  Bool t
             fTimeDisplay;
  TObject
              *fParent;
              rootcint
```

```
void TAxis::Streamer(TBuffer &R b) {
   UInt t R s, R c;
   if (R b.IsReading()) {
   Version t R v = R b.ReadVersion(&R s, &R c);
      TNamed::Streamer(R b);
      TAttAxis::Streamer(R b);
      R b >> fNbins;
      R b >> fXmin;
      R b >> fXmax;
      fXbins.Streamer(R b);
      R b >> fFirst;
      R b >> fLast;
      R b >> fTimeDisplay;
      fTimeFormat.Streamer(R b);
    R b.CheckByteCount(R s, R c, TAxis::IsA());
   } else {
    R c = R b.WriteVersion(TAxis::IsA(), kTRUE);
      TNamed::Streamer(R b);
      TAttAxis::Streamer(R b);
      R b << fNbins;</pre>
      R b << fXmin;</pre>
      R b << fXmax;</pre>
      fXbins.Streamer(R b);
      R b << fFirst;
      R b << fLast;</pre>
      R b << fTimeDisplay;</pre>
      fTimeFormat.Streamer(R b);
    R b.SetByteCount(R c, kTRUE);
```

Old Streamers in 2.25 – Schema Evolution

```
class TAxis : public TNamed,
public TAttAxis {
private:
   Int t
                fNbins;
  Axis t
                fXmin;
  Axis t
                fXmax;
   TArrayF
               fXbins;
  Char t
               *fXlabels;
   Int t
               fFirst;
  Int t
               fLast;
              fTimeFormat;
   TString
   Bool t
              fTimeDisplay;
  TObject
               *fParent;
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void TAxis::Streamer(TBuffer &R b) {
   UInt t R s, R_c;
   if (R b.IsReading()) {
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      TNamed::Streamer(R b);
      TAttAxis::Streamer(R b);
      R b >> fNbins;
      R b >> fXmin;
      R b >> fXmax;
      fXbins.Streamer(R b);
    if (R v > 2) {
         R b >> fFirst;
         R b >> fLast;
     if (R v > 3) {
         R b >> fTimeDisplay;
         fTimeFormat.Streamer(R b);
      } else {
         SetTimeFormat();
      R b.CheckByteCount(R s, R c, TAxis::IsA());
   } else {
      R c = R b.WriteVersion(TAxis::IsA(), kTRUE);
      TNamed::Streamer(R b);
      TAttAxis::Streamer(R b);
      R b << fNbins;</pre>
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      R b << fTimeDisplay;</pre>
      fTimeFormat.Streamer(R b);
      R b.SetByteCount(R c, kTRUE);
```

2001 - StreamerInfo

- ROOT File are now self describing
 - Dictionary for persistent classes written to the file when closing the file.
 - ROOT files can be read by foreign readers (JAS for example)
 - Support for Backward and Forward compatibility
 - Files created in 2003 can be readable in 2015
 - Classes (data objects) for all objects in a file can be regenerated via TFile::MakeProject
 - Data can be read without the original code
- Provide for automatic schema evolution
 - Change the order of the members
 - Change simple data type (float to int)
 - Add or remove data members, base classes
 - Migrate a member to base class
- Basic support for STL container
 - does not support nested containers directly
 - can not 'split' STL containers
 - no schema evolution to and from different container types.

Streamers in 3.00 - StreamerInfo

```
class TAxis : public TNamed,
public TAttAxis {
private:
               fNbins;
  Int t
  Axis t
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  Axis t
               fXmax;
  TArrayF
              fXbins;
                             //!
  Char t
              *fXlabels;
  Int t
               fFirst;
               fLast;
  Int t
  TString
             fTimeFormat;
  Bool t
               fTimeDisplay;
                             //!
  TObject
              *fParent;
```

```
void TAxis::Streamer(TBuffer &R_b)
{
    // Stream an object of class TAxis.

if (R_b.IsReading()) {
    UInt_t R_s, R_c;
    Version_t R_v = R_b.ReadVersion(&R_s, &R_c);
    if (R_v > 5) {
        TAxis::Class()->ReadBuffer(R_b, this, R_v, R_s, R_c);
        return;
    }
    //====process old versions before automatic schema evolution
    ...
    //====end of old versions
} else {
    TAxis::Class()->WriteBuffer(R_b, this);
}
```

developer

Seeing classes in a file

Root > f.ShowStreamerInfo() StreamerInfo for class: ATLFMuon, version=1 BASE T0biect offset= 0 type=66 Basic ROOT object BASE TAtt3D offset= 0 type= 0 3D attributes Int_t m_KFcode offset= 0 type= 3 Muon KF-code Int t m MCParticle offset= 0 type= 3 Muon position in MCParticles list Int t m_KFmother offset= 0 type= 3 Muon mother KF-code Int t m_UseFlaq offset= 0 type= 3 Muon energy usage flag (0 for used in clusters) m_Isolated offset= 0 type= 3 Muon isolation (1 for isolated) Int_t Float t m Eta offset= 0 type= 5 Eta coordinate offset= 0 type= 5 Phi coordinate Float_t m_Phi offset= 0 type= 5 Transverse energy Float t m PT m_Trigger Int_t offset= 0 type= 3 Result of trigger StreamerInfo for class: ATLFElectron, version=1 T0bject offset= 0 type=66 Basic ROOT object BASE BASE TAtt3D offset= 0 type= 0 3D attributes Int t m KFcode offset= 0 type= 3 Electron KF-code Int t m MCParticle offset= 0 type= 3 Electron position in MCParticles list m_KFmother Int t offset= 0 type= 3 Electron mother KF-code offset= 0 type= 5 Eta coordinate Float t m_Eta offset= 0 type= 5 Phi coordinate Float t m Phi Float t m PT offset= 0 type= 5 Transverse energy StreamerInfo for class: ATLFPhoton, version=1 T0bject offset= 0 type=66 Basic ROOT object BASE BASE TAtt3D offset= 0 type= 0 3D attributes Int_t m_KFcode offset= 0 type= 3 Photon KF-code m_MCParticle Int_t offset= 0 type= 3 Photon position in MCParticles list Int_t m KFmother offset= 0 type= 3 Photon mother KF-code Float t m Eta offset= 0 type= 5 Eta coordinate Float t m_Phi offset= 0 type= 5 Phi coordinate Float_t m_PT offset= 0 type= 5 Transverse energy StreamerInfo for class: ATLFJet, version=1 BASE T0bject offset= 0 type=66 Basic ROOT object BASE TAtt3D offset= 0 type= 0 3D attributes offset= 0 type= 3 Jet KF-code Int t m KFcode Int t m Ncells offset= 0 type= 3 Number of cells used for reconstruction m Nparticles offset= 0 type= 3 Number of particles assigned to jet Int t Int t m Part offset= 0 type= 3 Position in MCParticle list of matching b-quark/c-qu Float_t m_Eta0 offset= 0 type= 5 Eta position of initiator cell Float t m Phi0 offset= 0 type= 5 Phi position of initiator cell

Float t

Float_t

Float t

m Eta

m_Phi

m PT

offset= 0 type= 5 Eta of jet bary-center

offset= 0 type= 5 Phi of jet bary-center

offset= 0 type= 5 Transverse momentum of jet

2001 - examples

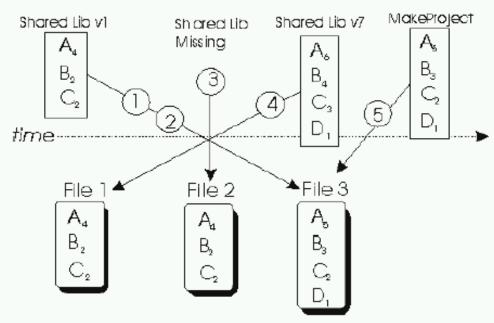
```
enum {kSize=10};
                              //array of 20 chars
  char
                fType[20];
                fNtrack;
                              //number of tracks
  Int t
                             //number of vertices
  Int t
                fNvertex;
                fX[kSize];
  Int t
                             //an array where dimension is an enum
  UInt t
                fFlaq;
                             //bit pattern event flag
                fMatrix[4][4]; //a two-dim array
  Float t
                             //[fNvertex] array of floats of length fNvertex
  Float t
               *fDistance;
               fTemperature; //event temperature
  Double t
                             //[fNvertex] array of TString
  TString
               *fTstringp;
  TString
                fNames[12];
                             //array of TString
                              //example of class derived from TObject
  TAxis
                fXaxis;
  TAxis
                fYaxis[3];
                              //array of objects
  TAxis
                              //pointer to an array of TAxis
               *fVaxis[3];
  TAxis
              *fPaxis:
                              //[fNvertex] array of TAxis of length fNvertex
  TAxis
                              //[fNvertex] array of pointers to TAxis objects
             **fOaxis;
  TDatime
                fDatime:
                              //date and time
                              //example of class not derived from TObject
  EventHeader fEvtHdr;
  TObjArray fObjArray;
                             //An object array of TObject*
  TClonesArray *fTracks;
                             //-> array of tracks
  TH1F
               *fH;
                              //-> pointer to an histogram
              fArrayF;
                             //an array of floats
  TArrayF
          *fArrayI;
                              //a pointer to an array of integers
  TArrayI
......(see next)
```

2001- Support for STL

```
vector<int>
                       fVectorint;
                                         //STL vector on ints
vector<short>
                       fVectorshort;
                                         //STL vector of shorts
vector<double>
                       fVectorD[4];
                                         //array of STL vectors of doubles
vector<TLine>
                       fVectorTLine;
                                         //|| STL vector of TLine objects
vector<TObject>
                      *fVectorTobject;
                                         //|| pointer to an STL vector
                      *fVectorTnamed[6]; //|| array of pointers to STL vectors
vector<TNamed>
deque<TAttLine>
                       fDeque;
                                         //STL deque
list<const TObject*>
                       fVectorTobjectp; //STL list of pointers to objects
list<string>
                      *fListString;
                                         //STL list of strings
list<string *>
                       fListStringp;
                                         //STL list of pointers to strings
                                         //STL map
map<TNamed*,int>
                       fMapTNamedp;
map<TString,TList*>
                       fMapList;
                                         //STL map
map<TAxis*,int>
                      *fMapTAxisp;
                                         //pointer to STL map
set<TAxis*>
                       fSetTAxis;
                                         //STL set
set<TAxis*>
                      *fSetTAxisp;
                                         //pointer to STL set
multimap<TNamed*,int> fMultiMapTNamedp; //STL multimap
multiset<TAxis*>
                      *fMultiSetTAxisp; //pointer to STL multiset
                                         //C++ standard string
string
                       fString;
                                         //pointer to standard C++ string
string
                      *fStringp;
UShort.Vector
                                         //class with an STL vector as base class
                       fUshort:
```

Need custom Streamer for these complex cases

Automatic Schema Evolution





An old version of a shared library and a file with new class definitions.
 This can be the case when someone has not updated the library and is reading a new file.



Reading a file with a shared library that is missing a class definition (i.e. missing class D).



Reading a file without any class definitions. This can be the case where the class definition is lost, or unavailable.



 The current version of a shared library and an old file with old class versions (backward compatibility). This is often the case when reading old data.

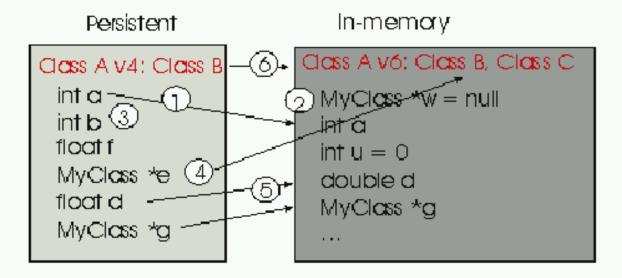


5) Reading a file with a shared library built with MakeProject. This is the case when someone has already read the data without a shared library and has used ROOT's MakeProject feature to reconstruct the class definitions and shared library (MakeProject is explained in detail later on).

Auto Schema Evolution (2)

In case of a mismatch between the in-memory version and the persistent version of a class, ROOT maps the persistent one to the one in memory. This allows you to change the class definition at will, for example:

- Change the order of data members in the class.
- Add new data members. By default the value of the missing member will be 0 or in case of an object it will be set to null.
- Remove data members.
- Move a data member to a base class or vice –versa.
- Change the type of a member if it is a simple type or a pointer to a simple type. If a loss of precision occurs, a warning is given.
- 6) Add or remove a base class



TFile::MakeProject

```
This class has been generated by TFile::MakeProject
                                                  All necessary
      (Mon May 28 19:34:37 2001 by ROOT version 3.01/03)
      from the StreamerInfo in file atlfast.root
                                                   header files
are included
#ifndef ATLFElectron h
#define ATLFElectron h
#include "TObject.h"
#include "TAtt3D.h"
class ATLFElectron : public TObject , public TAtt3D {
public:
                                                            Comments
                         //Electron KF-code
  Int t
            m KFcode:
  Int t
            m MCParticle:
                         //Electron position in MCParticles list
            m_KFmother;
  Int t
                         //Electron mother KF-code
                                                             preserved
  Float t
            m Eta:
                         //Eta coordinate
  Float t
            m_Phi;
                         //Phi coordinate
  Float t
                         //Transverse energy
            m_PT;
  ATLFElectron() {;}
                                                       Can do I/O
  virtual ~ATLFElectron() {;}
                                                          Inspect
  ClassDef(ATLFElectron, 1) //
};
                                                       Browse, etc
  ClassImp(ATLFElectron)
#endif
```

2002 – I/O for Non-TObject

- Saving non-instrumented Classes
 - Being able to save in a ROOT file objects from library that you can NOT modify at all.
 - Being able to easily save objects that do not inherit from TObject.
- Lift limitation on number of template parameters

2005 - Generalized support for collections

- Abstract Interface (TVirtualCollectionProxy)
 - Initial Prototype and fundamental Concepts by Victor Perevoztchikov (BNL)
 - Can be implemented for almost any collections
 - Allows
 - Splitting (when possible)
 - Use in Tree Query (with automatic looping)
 - Member-wise streaming (as opposed to Object wise streaming)
 - Also
 - Arbitrary nesting of STL containers
 - Reading of STL containers without original code (Emulated mode)
 - Extended in 2008 to also support splitting of container of pointers.

TRef/TRefArray

- 2002: Allow for reference that span across branches or keys.
 - Designed as light weight entities
 - Assume large number of TRefs per event
 - Very fast dereferencing (direct access tables)
 - Not designed for finding an object in a different file
 - Occupies in average 2.5 bytes in the file
- 2004: Reference Autoload
 - TTree can be set to allow for automatic loading of the branch containing the referenced object
- 2006: Reference Autoderefencing
 - TTree::Draw can transparently drill through TRefs (*skipping complex call to GetObject and casting*)
 - Autoderefencing system flexible enough to support any reference type.

And Some More

- Improved Modularization (2007)
 - libCore, libRIO, libTTree, libTTreePlayer
- Improved compression tunning (2004,2005,2007)
 - Double32, Float16, saved in as few bits as requested.
- FastMerging (2005)
 - Improve performance of concatenation jobs by skipping uncompressing (zip) and unstreaming (object creation) steps [Pioneered by CDF]
- Extension of the output format (2004)
 - XML
 - Relational Database
- TFileStager / TTreeCache (2008)
 - Improve performance over slow link or low latency links
- Autodetection of user types in TTree interface (2007/8)
- Unzipping of basket in background (2008)

Data Model Evolution

- Limitation of Automatic schema evolution
 - Handle only removal, addition of members and change in simple type
 - Does not support change in complex type, change in semantic (like units)
- Limitation of hand written schema evolution
 - Since it requires a streamer function it can not be used in split mode
- Data Model Evolution solves this issues (brought to your courtesy of BNL/STAR/ATLAS)
- Capabilities:
 - Assign values to transient data members
 - Rename classes
 - Rename data members
 - Change the shape of the data structures or convert one class structure to another
 - Change the meaning of data members
 - Can access the TBuffer directly if needed
 - Ensure that the objects in collections are handled in the same way as the ones stored separately
 - Make things operational also in bare ROOT mode
 - Supported in object-wise, member-wise and split modes.

Data Model Evolution

Setting a transient member

```
#pragma read sourceClass="ACache" targetClass="ACache" \
   source="" version="[1-]" target="zcalc" \
   code="{ zcalc = false; }"
```

Setting a new member from 2 removed members

```
#pragma read sourceClass="ACache" targetClass="ACache" \
   source="int x; int y;" version="[8]" target="z" \
   code="{ z = onfile.x*1000 + onfile.y*10; }"
```

Renaming a class

```
#pragma read sourceClass="ACache" targetClass="Axis" \
   source="int x; int y;" version="[8]" target="z" \
   code="{ z = onfile.x*1000 + onfile.y*10; }"
#pragma read sourceClass="ACache" version="[9]" targetClass="Axis";
```